

Nicole Owens



Ms. Owens is a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. She began her career in the Capital Litigation Unit at Idaho's State Appellate Public Defender's Office, defending clients on death row. From there, she became a Trial Attorney with the Ada County Public Defender's Office, where she handled many jury trials and was the first woman in the office assigned as lead counsel in a first-degree murder case. She joined the Federal Defender Service of Idaho (FDSI) as an Assistant Federal Defender in 2018. In 2021, she was appointed as the Executive Director of FDSI which is a nonprofit, Community Defender Organization for the District of Idaho with trial units in Boise and Pocatello. FDSI represents indigent clients charged with a variety of federal crimes including those related to immigration, drugs, firearms, fraud, child pornography, bank robbery, human trafficking, national security and cases arising on Indian reservations in Idaho.

FDSI also has a Capital Habeas Unit in Boise that represents clients on death row mainly in Idaho but also other states.